CHAPTER 9F

RESILIENT FLOORING

9F-01. GENERAL

a. References

- $\ \, (1)$ The flooring manufacturer*s installation instructions must be submitted. You will need to know these instructions.
- $\left(2\right)$ A special conductivity test is required for the conductive vinyl tile installation. The test is described in NFPA Standard No. 56A.

b. Submittals

- $\ensuremath{(1)}$ Check for receipt of floor manufacturer*s installation instructions. The cleaning and maintenance instructions are also required.
- (2) Are flooring samples approved? Use these to check for approved colors of delivered flooring.
- (3) Test reports or certificates of compliance, as applicable, are required.

9F-02 . MATERIALS

a. $\underline{\text{Conductive Vinyl}}$. Use either 12 by 12 or 36 by 36 inch tile. Must be layed in conductive epoxy cement.

b. Vinyl Composition.

- (1) Tile can be either 3/32 or 1/8 inch thick. Check your specifications and the tile with a thickness gage.
- (2) Check pattern color distribution. They must continue through tile thickness.
- $\mbox{\em (3)}$ $\mbox{\em Same}$ tile lot number, as stamped on containers, must be used in same area.
- c. $\underline{Sheet\ Vinyl}.$ Check the referenced Federal Specifications. A 72-inch minimum width is required.
- d. $\underline{Adhesives}.$ Use only the tile manufacturer*s recommended material.
- e. $\underline{\text{Wall Base}}$. Check finish schedule for color. Check height and thickness for conformance.
- f. <u>Storage</u>. Require a clean and dry location with temperature above 70 degrees F for two days before installation.

9F-03. PREPARATION

- a. Is concrete floor ready for installation? Check for the following at the preparatory inspection:
- (1) Has area for flooring been above 70 degrees F for two days prior to inspection or before application?

- (2) Is concrete surface clean and level (except for required slopes)?
 - (3) Are all defects and damage repaired?
 - (4) Make dryness test as described in the specification.
 - (5) Is all other work complete?
- b. The adhesive may not bond where certain curing compounds were used on the concrete surface.
- $\ensuremath{(1)}$ Wax base compound must be completely removed before adhesive is applied.
- (2) The CE specified curing compound, i.e. Federal Specification TT-C-800, Type I or II, Class 1 with fugitive dye, is acceptable over concrete for adhesive application.
- c. All types of curing compound must be completely removed before applying conductive epoxy cement for conductive vinyl tile flooring.
- d. Spills must be completely cleaned and checked for compatability with the adhesive.
- e. If lightweight concrete (less than 90 pcf density) , is a topping required?
- f. For wood substrate, check joints and fasteners for smoothness.

9F-04. INSTALLATION

- a. Check manufacturer*s instructions. Require installation as instructed.
- b. Check layout at initial inspection. Perimeter tile must be not less than one-half full size tile.
- c. Check for excessive use of adhesive. Use of too much will squeeze up at joints.
- d. Check sheet flooring for trapped air bubbles at substrate. Roller must be used from center, outward to edges.
- e. Check wall base for adhesion. $\ensuremath{\operatorname{preformed}}$ corners may be required by the specifications.

9F-05. CLEANING AND PROTECTION

- a. Clean as required.
- $\ensuremath{(1)}$ Dry clean vinyl and vinyl composition floors immediately after installation.
- (2) Wash clean and rinse after five days per manufacturer*s instructions.
 - b. Polish as specified.
- c. Protect all flooring surfaces with a covering of heavy duty building paper until just before turnover to the Using Service. Install 'Boardwalks" as necessary.